

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a body to connect a first tubing section to a second tubing section, the body comprising:
a surface;
a first opening concentric with an axis to receive an end of the first tubing section to connect the first tubing section to the body at the first opening;
a second opening concentric with the axis to receive an end of the second tubing section to connect the second tubing section to the body at the second opening; and
a passageway eccentric with respect to the axis to communicate fluid after the first and second tubing sections are connected together by the body;
a sleeve other than the body, the sleeve being adapted to be moved from a retracted position to an extended position, the sleeve comprising a surface;
a sealing element to form a sealing contact with the surface of the body and with the surface of the sleeve when the sleeve is in the extended; and
a tubular member comprising a passageway adapted to align with the passageway of the body of the connector such that a gap exists between the passageway of the body and the passageway of the tubular member when both the first and second tubing sections are fully received in the first and second openings and the sleeve is in the retracted position,
wherein the sleeve is adapted to be moved to the extended position to bridge the gap.
2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a first production tubing section that is formed at least in part by the first tubing section and a second production tubing section that is formed at least in part by the second tubing section.
3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a first injection tubing section that is formed at least in part by the first tubing section and a second injection tubing section that is formed at least in part by the second tubing section.
- 4.-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the body is formed from a single piece of material.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first opening comprises a tapered opening to receive the first tubing section.

13.-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sealing element is substantially parallel to the axis.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sleeve comprises: a cylindrical portion that has an axis that is substantially parallel to the axis that is concentric with the first opening; and
an annular face that radially extends inwardly from the cylindrical section and into the gap.

19.-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sleeve is eccentric with respect to the axis.

23.-96. (Cancelled)

97. (Currently Amended) A connector assembly usable with a well, comprising:
a first body to connect a first tubing section to a second tubing section, the first body comprising:

a first opening concentric with an axis to receive an end of the first tubing section to connect the first tubing section to the body at the first opening,

a second opening concentric with the axis to receive an end of the second tubing section to connect the second tubing section to the body at the second opening, and

a passageway eccentric with respect to the axis to communicate fluid after the first and second tubing sections are connected together by the first body;

a second body connected to the second tubing section and comprising a passageway coaxial with the passageway of the first body, the second body comprising a surface;

a sleeve mounted on the second body adapted to be moved from a retracted position to an extended position, the sleeve comprising a surface; and

a sealing element to form a sealing contact with the surface of the second body and with the surface of the sleeve when the sleeve is in the extended position,

wherein a gap exists between the passageway of the first body and the passageway of the second body when both the first and second tubing sections are fully received in the first and second openings and the sleeve is in the retracted position, and the sleeve is adapted to move to the extended position to bridge the gap.

98. (Cancelled)

99. (Previously Presented) The connector assembly of claim 97, wherein the first body is formed from a single piece of material and the second body is formed from a second piece of material.

100. (Previously Presented) The connector assembly of claim 97, wherein at least one of the first and second openings comprises a tapered opening.

101. (Currently Amended) A method usable with a well, comprising:
providing a body to connect a first tubing section and a second tubing section together;
providing a first opening in the body to receive an end of the first tubing section to connect the first tubing section to the body at the first opening, the first opening being concentric with an axis;

providing a second opening in the body to receive an end of the second tubing section to connect the second tubing section to the body at the second opening, the second opening being concentric with the axis;

providing a passageway in the body which is eccentric with respect to the axis to communicate fluid after the first and second tubing sections are connected together by the body; and

providing a sleeve other than the body, the sleeve being adapted to be moved from a retracted position to an extended position, wherein a gap exists between the passageway of the body and another passageway when both the first and second tubing sections are fully received in the first and second openings and the sleeve is in the retracted position;

forming a sealed connection between a surface of the sleeve and a surface of the body when the sleeve is in the extended position; and

bridging the gap, including moving the sleeve to the extended position.

102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 101, further comprising:

providing a production tubing section that forms at least part of the first tubing section;

providing a second production tubing section that forms at least part of the second tubing section; and

communicating produced well fluid through the first and second production tubing sections.

103. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 101, further comprising:
providing a first injection tubing section that forms at least part of the first tubing section;
providing a second injection tubing section that forms at least part of the second tubing section; and

communicating fluid injected into the well through the first and second injection tubing sections.

104.-105. (Cancelled)

106. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the body comprises threads at the first opening adapted to mate with threads of the first tubing section.

107. (New) The apparatus of claim 106, wherein the body comprises additional threads at the second opening adapted to mate with threads of the first tubing section.

108. (New) The method of claim 101, further comprising threadably connecting the end of the of the first tubing section to the body at the first opening.